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THERAPY: CELL COMPOSITIONS,
METHODS AND APPLICATIONS TO
TREATMENT OF HUMAN DISEASE**

Art Unit: 1644

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 3-14, with the following:

Therefore, it is an object herein to provide such improved methods. In particular, it is an object herein to provide methods for expanding immune cells for use in adoptive immunotherapy protocols without the use of exogenous IL-2. It is also an object herein to provide methods to generate a large array of cell compositions, including compositions containing regulatory cells, for use in adoptive immunotherapy protocols. It is an object herein to provide means to produce compositions containing clinically relevant numbers of such cells. The availability of a an array of cell compositions permits the design of adoptive immunotherapy protocols for a wide variety of diseases and immune function alterations. Therefore, it is an object herein to provide methods for treating various disorders and altering immune function.